

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2032 without my signature.

This bill would authorize the Administrator of the Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR) to increase the per barrel oil fee on oil delivered to a marine terminal or transported into the state by a pipeline through marine waters from the current 5 cents per barrel up to 8 cents per barrel.

The per-barrel fee was increased in 2002, and OSPR is currently using those increased funds to implement a number of strategies to improve preparedness and operations that will not result in costs above what is included in the 2008 Budget Bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger